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DONATIONS TO MUSEUM

IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1856.

*January 1st.*

Several specimens of black band iron ore, from Scotland. From Dr. Wilson.  
 Mounted specimen of *Talpa warouza*, from Japan. From Major Le Conte.  
 Specimen of sulphuret of iron, Schuylkill Co., Pa. From Robert W. Kennedy.  
 Fossil Encrinite, from near Capon Springs, Va. From Mr. A. H. Smith.  
 Portion of reed encrusted with carbonate of lime, from Lago di Tartara, Italy.  
 From the same.  
 One hundred and fifty-eight species of plants from the Himalayas. Presented by Sir Wm. Hooker through Prof. Asa Gray.

*January 8th.*

Two specimens of *Fiber zibethicus*. Presented by Aubrey H. Smith, Esq.  
 Five specimens of *Mygale* ——— ? S. America. Presented by C. Gillou, Esq.  
*Astrangia astræiformis*, from coast of Rhode Island. From Duncan E. Pell, Esq., through Mr. Powell.  
*Hesperomys leucopus*, (numerous specimens,) from Massachusetts. Presented by Smithsonian Institute through Maj. Leconte.  
 Very fine specimen of Cinnabar, from the new Almaden mines, California, (weight 16 lbs. 10 oz.) Presented by Capt. J. Henry Smith.

*January 22d.*

Two species of *Murex* ———. Presented by Mr. Hanson.  
*Ceratorrhina polyphemus*, *C. aurata*, *C. frontalis* and *Chrysochroa aurata*. Presented by Rev. Samuel Hazlehurst through J. A. Clay, Esq.

*February 5th.*

Twelve specimens of iron ores, Berks Co., Pa. Presented by Mr. Gilliams.  
 Pennite from Lancaster Co., Pa. Presented by Robert H. Lamborn.  
 Specimens of Bologna phosphorus, from Italy. Presented by Dr. J. R. Barton.  
 Fossil jaw of a fish, *Edestus vorax*, from the carboniferous formation of Arkansas. Presented by Wm. S. Vaux, Esq.

*February 19th.*

*Pisa bicorna*, *Othonia quinquedentata*? *Chlorodius floridanus*, *Eriphia gona-gra*, *Panopeus Herbstii*, *Lupa dicantha*, *Cardisoma Guanhumi*, *Ocypode arenaria*, *Grapsus cruentatus*, *Pagurus granulatus*, *Pagurus vittatus*, *Cenobita Diogenes*, *Porcellana sexspinosa*, *Squilla scabricauda*, *Squilla vittata*, (13 genera, 15 species, 26 specimens;) two specimens of an Annelide and its tube; four specimens *Asterias*; eight specimens *Ophiura*; ten species *Polyps*, numerous specimens; three specimens fishes, two species; two species *Anemone*, six specimens; five species *Mollusca*; five species sponges; two species corals; two species *Holothuria*, four specimens; six species marine Algæ. All from the coast of Florida. Presented by Mr. S. Ashmead.